

COMMUNICATIONS Merit Badge Requirements

1. **Do the following:**
 - c. In a small-group setting, meet with other scouts or with friends. Have them share personal stories about significant events in their lives that affected them in some way. Take note of how each scout participates in the group discussion and how effective each one is in telling his story. Report what you have learned to your counselor about the differences you observed in effective communication.
2. **Do the following:**
 - a. Think of a creative way to describe yourself, using, for example, a collage, short story or autobiography, drawing or series of photographs, or a song or skit. Using the aid you created, make a presentation to your counselor about yourself.
3. **Write a five-minute speech. Give it at a meeting of a group.**
4. **Interview someone you know fairly well, like, or respect because of his or her position, talent, career or life experiences.** Listen actively to learn as much as you can about the person. Then prepare and deliver to your counselor an introduction of the person as though this person were to be a guest speaker, and include reasons why the audience would want to hear this person speak. Show how you would call to invite this person to speak.
5. **Attend a public meeting** (city council, school board, debate) approved by your counselor where several points of view are given on a single issue. Practice active listening skills and take careful notes of each point of view. Present an objective report that includes all points of view that were expressed, and share this with your counselor. **We will supply a list of possible meetings.**
6. **With your counselor's approval, develop a plan to teach a skill or inform someone about something.** Prepare teaching aids for your plan. Carry out your plan. With your counselor, determine whether the person has learned what you intended.
7. **Do the following:**
 - a. Write to the editor of a magazine or your local newspaper to express your opinion or share information on any subject you choose. Send your message by fax, email or regular mail.
8. **Plan a troop court of honor or campfire program. Have the patrol leaders' council approve it, then write the script and prepare the program.** Serve as master of ceremonies. **This will be completed at an upcoming campout.**
9. **Learn about opportunities in the field of communication.** Choose one career in which you are interested and discuss with your counselor the major responsibilities of that position and the qualifications, education, and preparation it requires. **This will be completed at an upcoming campout or Troop meeting.**